

FUNNY SIDE OF ZION CITY.

Dowie Himself Has a Name as a Humorist—The Pun His Favorite Form of Wit.

THERE are few places in the world where wit and humor are more highly appreciated than in the tiny little city of the Dowies. The absence of the theater, dance and other forms of entertainment, the lack of cards, billiards, pool and other games, the disfavor in which newspapers and comic periodicals have been held, and perhaps most of all the natural reaction from frequent and long-continued "solemn assemblies" seems to have created a humor hunger among these people.

The most successful leaders of these "solemn assemblies" have been those who make them laugh loud, and John V. V. Barnes, almost universally known as "Dowie," has a broad humor and a drollery that has brought his audiences to the verge of hysterics. As for the "solemn assemblies," many of his partisans think that if he should be ousted from his position, they would forsake the cause, though as good as a comedian, and a man of wit and humor, he has a broad and respected in Zion City, and a few whose influence among these people cannot be overestimated, a charming story teller, and his anecdotal and humorous descriptions of the "solemn assemblies" at the head of the Zionites at head-quarters, caught a big audience on his first appearance after his return from South Africa, and who is just now laughing over a humorous description of his tussle with mal de mer on his departure from Cape Town.

Dr. Dowie's favorite form of wit is the pun. With it he is often quick, and sometimes makes double or triple plays on words that are ingenious to say the least. For example, he was once exclaiming one of his "witnesses" to divine healing before a large audience. The subject told a harrowing story of a surgical operation he had undergone during his illness.

"What doctors operated on you?" asked the preacher.

"Dr. Griffin, Dr. Macmore and Dr. De" was the response.

"Griffin," observed the noted scoffer at the science, dryly, "if that Griffin be Dr. Macmore to you, you haven't had any Hyde left."

It is well known to those who have heard him frequently, the modern day is one of those who hold that a good joke improves with age and hard use. He has a stock of time tried and tested bonnets that never fail to bring forth hearty laughter from his audience.

The native air of pleased anticipation with which he springs a pun in the 15th time is much funnier than the quip itself ever was. It is all in Zion City that there are few of the memory of the oldest Zionite in town has not declared that "those who drink champagne at night get real in the morning."

He was preaching in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1904, before an audience of German speaking people, his address being through an interpreter. In the course of his sermon the good old pun about the champagne was trotted out, with all the doctors usual gleeful relish of a good laugh. The interpreter gave a literal translation, and, of course, the play on the words was entirely lost. The audience sat stolid, the preacher's benighted surprise was plain to see. He repeated the sentence, laying great stress on the words, and the joke turned. Once more the interpreter, none too familiar with English, struggled through the translation. The word, bearing only the semblance of the original, was accepted, but added polite mystification to the stolidity. Again the strenuous founder of Zion City got off a pun. This time he fairly chuckled, and said with some irritation, "Don't you see? Champagne means just what it says."

Dr. Dowie's face as he bravely repeated again in an attempt to carry the joke bodily over from English to German. When he had finished, limp and exhausted, the stupefaction of the

audience was complete. Then one of the general overseers' party on the platform whispered a few words in his ear. Suddenly he saw a great light and joined heartily in the laugh at his own expense.

The unquestioning acceptance of their leader's every utterance by the faithful often led to laughable blunders. At every baptism service that he conducted it was Mr. Dowie's custom to have all candidates fill out what were called "baptism cards." These, he told them, over and over again, so that no one might misunderstand, must bear the full name, residence, age, occupation, etc., of each of their signers. Speaking in his well-known, broad Scotch accent, he pronounced the word "new" as if it had been spelled "fool." After one of these services a letter was received from a woman who had received the ordinance of baptism asking why her name had been omitted from the published list. "I wrote my fool name on the card just as the general overseer told me to," she said.

Several ludicrous blunders of Dr. Dowie's interpreters on his foreign trips have become classic in Zion City. During one of the doctor's meetings in Paris his remarks were being done into French by a young Parisian who had studied English a few months in London. In the course of his address the prophet of Zion City got on the trail of "the unspeakable hog." Among other things he had against the porker was his immunity from rattlesnake poison. The word rattlesnake was a new one to his interpreter, but this was no time for consulting dictionaries. Something had to be supplied, and that immediately. In desperation the young man used the French word for flea. He had read somewhere that swine were bothered by these festive insects, so he put in the word and hoped for the best. The following is a free English translation of what that astonished Parisian audience heard the interpreter say for the famous preacher from America:

"The pig is so poisonous himself that he does not suffer any harm from the bites of a flea. There is an island in the Detroit river, in the United States, that was once so infested with fleas that no one dared to go there. It was a beautiful island, and the owner wanted to reclaim it, so he introduced pigs. These filthy animals luxuriated there among the fleas. When a flea would bite one of the pigs the pig would just laugh at it, turn around and eat the flea from snout to tail. Finally the pigs ate up all the fleas, clearing the island of them. Then the pigs were sent to Chicago and made hams. The hams were sent to Paris, and you ate meat from swine fattened on fleas—and thought it good."

In Lausanne, Switzerland, the general overseer had as interpreter an English gentleman who had spent many years in France, and was fairly well versed in the French language. He was a little rusty, however, on some of the fine points, as is shown by the following: There are several colleges of medicine in and about Lausanne, and there were many medical students at the lecture. It was for their benefit that Dr. Dowie was telling the experience of a certain newspaper woman in New York City who went to five different physicians for consultation when she was in perfect health, and returned with a diagnosis and prescription for a different disease from each. This is the English of what the audience heard from the interpreter: "She went to the first. He looked at her tongue. He thumped her chest. He listened to her heart. He took her temperature. He felt her chicken."

At this point the story was interrupted by a shout of laughter from the students. The interpreter had said poule, meaning hen or chicken, instead of pouls, meaning the pulse.

A SHOW FOR BACKWARD PUPILS.

Writing of Springfield, the "City of Special Schools," in Everybody's for September, Marion Mellus says: "It was found that in the grammar and primary grades the teachers were often hampered in their work by pupils considerably older than others of the



GENERAL PORFIRIO DIAZ

TROUBLESOME MEXICANS OVER THE BORDER.

Much uneasiness is being felt in southern Arizona as a result of the failure of the Mexican government to suppress the Mexican border bands of organized robbers and marauders which for months have been harassing that portion of the American state with raids and threatened raids. Although the Republic of Mexico would unhesitatingly disavow any acts of the outlaws, the fact remains that the border bandits have not yet felt the iron hand of President Diaz, who in his twenty years in the executive saddle has often demonstrated his ability to crush disorder in his country.

same grade. They were generally pupils who needed more individual help from the teacher than it is possible to give in a regular grade; and their size, as well as their age, made them conspicuous as dull and backward pupils. To give these children the individual help needed, and to relieve the primary and grammar teachers, a room was reserved for them in one of the regular school buildings, this room to be known as the "grammar preparatory." There are now four grammar preparatory schools, and in them dull pupils are being rapidly transformed into bright, interesting boys and girls.

"There are many reasons why these children are backward. Some have not been able to attend school regularly, on account of illness; others have come from towns where the school system is wholly different from Springfield's, and they do not meet the requirements of the grade in which they have been placed; others have moved about from place to place so much that they have dropped behind in their studies; still others are foreigners who have been hindered by ignorance of the English language, and then there is the boy or girl who needs individual attention because of his or her peculiar disposition. So soon as a pupil is brought into one of these schools the teacher studies him to discover the precise cause of his backwardness and then tries to remove this cause. If he does not know the language, she

teaches it to him little by little. If he has been hampered by circumstances she gives him a lift in his lessons, and soon has him ready for regular grade work. If he is incapacitated by physical ailments, she consults with his parents, and with physicians, to relieve him. If the pupil is merely slow, she takes infinite pains to encourage him to work out his lessons in his own way."

Why She Didn't Win.

They were at Monte Carlo, and, like other visitors to that insidious paradise, they considered the Casino a place which ought to be visited.

They stood hesitatingly before one of the tables, and at last the temptation to join the players proved too strong for the lady.

"I must just risk one £10 note," she said to her husband. "Give me one, darling, and I will put it on the number of my age. That will be lucky."

Hubby was inclined to be sceptical; but he might have spared himself the trouble of grumbling, and the £10 note was duly deposited on No. 24.

Alas! No. 24 proved to be the winning number, and the lady gave a gasp of despair.

"Serves you right," said her husband. "If you'd told the truth you'd have won."—Tit-Bits.

NEXT WEEK IN HISTORY.

SEPTEMBER 16.

- 1736—Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, noted for thermometers, died in Amsterdam; born 1686.
- 1812—Burning of Moscow; over 30,000 buildings destroyed; loss \$150,000,000.
- 1822—Charles Crocker, the eminent railroad builder, was born in Troy, N. Y.; died 1888.
- 1824—Louis XVIII. king of France, died, and Charles V succeeded.
- 1864—Carlisle John Hanning Speke, the famous African explorer, accidentally killed by the discharge of his fowling piece while hunting at Neston park, England.
- 1882—Dr. Pusey, famous high churchman, died; born 1800.
- 1890—The palace of the Alhambra, in Granada, damaged by fire to the extent of \$250,000.
- 1895—6,000,000 acres opened to settlers in the Cherokee strip.

SEPTEMBER 17.

- 1621—Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, celebrated for works defending the Roman Catholic church, died in Rome.
- 1665—Philip IV of France died.
- 1743—Jean Antoine, marquis de Condorcet, mathematician and friend of Benjamin Franklin, was born in Morsy; died by poison, self administered, while imprisoned by Robespierre, 1794.
- 1783—Samuel Prout, famous painter in water colors, died in London.
- 1826—Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar, statesman and jurist, born in Putnam county, Ga., died 1893.
- 1862—Battle of Antietam.
- 1864—Walter Savage Landor, scholar and poet, died at Florence; born 1775.
- 1871—Mont Canis tunnel opened.
- 1894—Remarkable naval battle in the Yalu river between Chinese and Japanese.
- 1900—A strike involving 140,000 members of the United Mine Workers' association begun in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania.
- 1905—George MacDonald, English novelist, died at Sagamore, Surrey, England; born 1824.

SEPTEMBER 18.

- 1667—Founding of St. Augustine, Fla., the oldest town in the United States.
- 1709—Dr. Samuel Johnson born at Litchfield, England; died 1784.
- 1836—William Hazlitt, English author, died in London; born 1768.
- 1873—Financial crash in New York; beginning of great panic and five years of "hard times."
- 1879—Daniel Drew, American capitalist, died in New York City; born at Carmel, N. Y., 1788.
- 1882—The steamer A.M.A. foundered in a gale on Lake Erie; 95 passengers drowned.
- 1890—Dion Boucicault, actor and playwright, died in New York; born 1820.
- 1898—Captain Allyn Capron, whose battery shelled the Spaniards out of El Caney, died at Fort Myer, Va.
- 1903—Professor Alexander Bain, noted instructor in logic and English literature, died at Aberdeen, Scotland; born 1818.

SEPTEMBER 19.

- 1519—Magellan sailed from San Lucar, Spain, on his voyage around the world.
- 1665—On this day the great plague in London reached its worst, over 2,000 dying and about 10,000 in the week ending this day.
- 1881—James Abram Garfield, twentieth president of the United States, died at Elberon, N. J.; born 1831.
- 1890—Turkish man-of-war Ertogroul foundered, and its crew of 500 men was drowned.
- 1902—President McKinley buried in Woodlawn cemetery at Canton, O.
- 1905—Dr. Thomas John Barnardo, founder of numerous homes for poor boys in English cities, died in London; born 1845.

SEPTEMBER 20.

- 86—Antoninus Pius, Roman emperor, died.
- 358 B. C.—Alexander the Great was born at Pella; died at 32.
- 1643—Battle of Newberry and death of Lord Falkland, the royalist leader.
- 1662—Bishop John Gauden, author of the noted "Elkon Basilike," long attributed to Charles I, died.

SEPTEMBER 21.

- 1740—Charles VI, emperor of Germany, died at Vienna.
- 1808—Robert Emmet, eminent and universally revered Irish patriot, was hanged for treason; born 1780.
- 1820—Noted rain of live fish in India; about 4,000 were picked up in one village near Allahabad. Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Hardy of Copenhagen, and Trafalgar, flag captain to Nelson on board the Victory, died; born 1762.
- 1894—Jean Baptiste Rossi, celebrated Italian archaeologist, died at Rome; born 1822. Mme. Pusch-Madi, a noted soprano, who created the title role of Aida, died at Mont Bethel, N. J.; born 1847.
- 1902—Henrietta, queen of the Belgians, died at Spa, Belgium; born 1836.

SEPTEMBER 22.

- The united tidal action of sun and moon on the atmosphere is greatest at this date, which some take to be the cause of the "equinoctial storm."
- 1520—Sultan Selim I, Turkish national hero, died.
- 1565—The famous Charles V of Germany, etc., died at the monastery of San Juste, Spain; born 1501.
- 1697—Treaty of Ryswick, France, with England, Spain, Holland, etc.
- 1756—John Loudon Macadam, famous for improvements on the English roads, born; died 1836.
- 1776—Great fire in New York from the battery northward, along North river; Trinity church and 500 other buildings burned.
- 1778—Louis Bonaparte, brother of the emperor, king of Spain and father of Louis Napoleon, born at Ajaccio, Corsica; died 1844.
- 1821—Sir Walter Scott, eminent Scottish romancer and poet, died; born 1771.
- 1888—William Warren, eminent American actor, died in Boston; born in Philadelphia, 1812.
- 1901—Simon Sterne, an authority upon railroad and constitutional law, died in New York City; born 1839.
- 1761—Coronation of George III.
- 1776—Nathan Hale executed at New York.
- 1828—Major Theodore Winthrop, author and soldier, born; killed at Big Bethel, Va., June 19, 1861.
- 1862—President Lincoln issued his warning proclamation of emancipation, which was perfected Jan. 1, 1863, freeing the slaves in all states in rebellion at the last named date.
- 1897—General Bourbaki, noted French leader in the war of 1870, died at Bayonne, France; born 1816.
- 1906—Marshal Martinez Campos, noted Spanish soldier and former captain-general of Cuba, died at Zaraus.

Doctoring Wild Animals.

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